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By: **Delegates Barkley, Conway, Vallario, Brown, and Hennessy**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Circuit Court Clerks - Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of setting the annual salary of a circuit court  
4 clerk; providing that the annual salary is equal to a certain percentage of the  
5 salary of a circuit court judge in effect on a certain date; providing that this Act  
6 does not apply to the salary or compensation of an incumbent clerk; and  
7 generally relating to the salaries of circuit court clerks.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 2-504(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 2-504.

17 (a) The clerk of each circuit court shall receive an annual salary [of not more  
18 than \$85,000 as set by the Board of Public Works on the basis of the relative volume  
19 of business and receipts in the clerk's office] EQUAL TO 85% OF THE SALARY OF A  
20 CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE IN EFFECT ON JULY 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION OF  
21 THE CLERK.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III,  
23 Section 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or  
24 apply to the salary or compensation of the clerk of each circuit court in office on the  
25 effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or  
26 compensation of the clerk of each circuit court shall take effect at the beginning of the  
27 next following term of office.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2004.